

Title (en)  
INSTRUMENTS FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE TISSUE RETRACTION AND SURGERY

Title (de)  
VORRICHTUNGEN UND VERFAHREN ZUR MINIMALINVASIVEN GEWEBERETRAKTION UND CHIRURGIE

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INSTRUMENTS PERMETTANT D'EFFECTUER DES RETRACTIONS ET DES OPERATIONS TISSULAIRES AVEC EFFRACTION MINIMALE

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[origin: EP2289425A2] Methods and devices retract tissue for minimally invasive surgery in a patient. A retractor (20) includes a working channel (50) formed by a first portion (22) and a second portion (42). The first and second portions are movable relative to one another from a first configuration for insertion that minimizes trauma to skin and tissue to an enlarged configuration after insertion to further retract skin and tissue in a minimally invasive manner. Instruments are engageable to the first and second portions and operable to move the first and second portions relative to one another.

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